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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER RAZAK STATEMENT ON REGIONAL TIES

1. DURING PARLIAMENT QUESTION APRIL 22, PM RAZAK SAID GOM WOULD CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR ASIAN REGIONAL GROUPINGS LEADING TO "PEACE AND STABILITY." HOWEVER, REGIONAL CONCEPT SUCH AS "PACIFIC REGIONAL UNION OF ASIAN NATIONS" AS PROPOSED BY AUSTRALIAN PM WHITLAM "MUST BE EVALUATED IN CONTEXT OF MALAYIA'S PRIORITY TO STRENGTHEN ASEAN AND REGIONAL COOPERATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA."

2. ON SOVIET ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL, RAZAK SAID GOM SUPPORTS OBJECTIVE OF ASIAN SECURITY AND PEACE BUT SOVIET PROPOSAL "FACED WITH MANY PROBLEMS". AT PRESENT, HE SAID,
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GOM MORE INTERESTED IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM

AND NEUTRALITY AS EMBODIED IN ASEAN NATIONS' KUALA LUMPULQ
DECLARATION OF 1971.

3. COMMENT: THOUGH PURPOSEFULLY VAGUE, RAZAK'S STATEMENTS TO
PARLIAMENT PER ABOVE AND CLEAR PRIORITY GIVEN TO ASEAN ARE
CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS GOM STATEMENTS ON REGIONAL COOPERATION
AND GROUPINGS.
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